Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, The 50,000 member National Federation of the Blind has long been, and is still, committed to the development of self-sufficiency, pride, and opportunity for blind Americans; and,

WHEREAS, The National Federation of the Blind of South Dakota will be observing October 15, 1988 as "White Cane Day"; and,

WHEREAS, The purpose of the special day is to create public awareness regarding the dignity and independence of the blind; and,

WHEREAS, Blind people use a distinctive tool--a long white cane--for independent travel; and,

WHEREAS, There is a need to draw attention to the White Cane Law which states that the blind pedestrian using a white cane has the right of way and, further, it prohibits individuals from discriminating against the blind regarding public accommodations, employment, and admittance to college:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 15, 1988, as

WHITE CANE DAY

in South Dakota, and ask our citizens to join in this observance and to become better informed and more aware of the National Federation of the Blind and the White Cane Law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-Seventh Day of September, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Eight

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE